

# **Weekly Bulletin**

**March 1, 2026**

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)  
Fellowship Hour: No host today. Please sign up below to help on a future date.  
6:30 p.m. Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan Orthodox Vespers

**MONDAY**

6:00 p.m. Great Compline

**TUESDAY**

11:15 a.m. Feed the Hungry  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 p.m. Ninth Hour/Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Dinner: Hosted by the Youth Ministries

**THURSDAY**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
5:30 p.m. Greek School PTO Meeting  
7:30 p.m. YAL Bible Study

**FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m. Salutations to the Theotokos  
8:00 p.m. Communing with the Saints  
8:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m. Feed my Starving Children  
4:00 p.m. Open Confession  
5:00 p.m. Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Vespers Potluck Dinner

**MARCH 1: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

**MARCH 2**

**MARCH 3**

**MARCH 4**

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**MARCH 7**

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**Epistle Reading – Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 32 – 40**

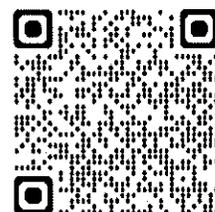
**Reader: Ellie Markos**

**Gospel Reading – John. 1:43 – 51**

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**Sunday School:** The 3rd graders should come sit in the front row for liturgy this morning. Sunday School is in session today and will begin following communion. The children will be participating in the procession for Sunday of Orthodoxy, then will return to their classrooms for regular dismissal.

**Coffee Hour Hosts/Helpers Needed:** Grab your family, friends, and koumbari and sign up together to help with wonderful ministry! Hosting instructions and the sign up are found with the QR code. There are many upcoming dates that are open.



### **Resurrectional Apolytikion: Mode pl. 1**

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον: ᾠχος πλ. α'**

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Tὸν sinánarchon Lógon Patrì ke Pnévmati, τὸν ek Parthénu techthénda is sotirían imón, animníssomen pistì ke proskínissomen óti ivdókise sarkí, anelthín en to Stavró, ke thánaton ipomínne, ke egíre tus tethneótas, en tí endóxo anastássi aftú.

### **The Epistle – Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 32 – 40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### **The Gospel – John. 1:43 – 51**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## Holy Apostles Church Stewardship -- 2025 Annual Report

In 2025, we set all time records for total dollars pledged and collected. Here are the final results for the 2025 stewardship year and how we compared to the previous year:

Metric	2025 Total	2024 Total	% Change
Number of Pledges	702	718	- 2%
Total Pledged	\$930,781	\$914,317	+ 2%
Amount Collected	\$923,467	\$903,267	+ 2%
Median Pledge	\$600	\$600	SAME
Average Pledge	\$1,326	\$1,273	+ 4%
# of \$2,500+ Pledges	82	71	+ 16%

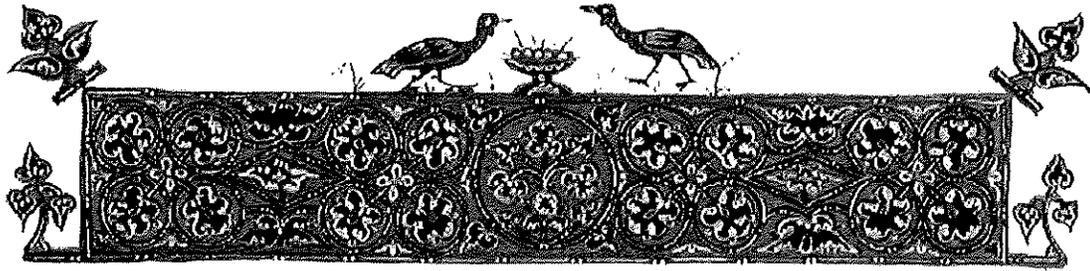
We deeply appreciate your love, generosity, and concern for our Church and pray that the year will be filled with God's blessings for you and your families. **Thank you to those who have already made their 2026 pledge.** We're already off to a great start with 377 stewards pledging a total of \$589,957 through January 31.

**Vespers Pot Luck Dinner on March 7:** On the first Saturday of each month, the Parish Family Ministry invites you to a pot luck dinner following the Vespers service. This is a great opportunity for fellowship. Please bring a Lenten dish to share. Vespers begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Feed the Hungry:** On Monday, March 2nd at 3:00 pm we will be preparing sack lunches at church in the multipurpose room. We will distribute the lunches the following day on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. If you are interested in helping out either day, please contact Anne Theophilos at 630-460-0712.

**Fanari Scholarships Available:** Fanari Summer Camp is just around the corner! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage Orthodox Christian youth in an exciting, Christ-centered camp experience that brings them closer to God, the Church, and their community. Families registering for Fanari Camp this year who need financial assistance should note that, in addition to applying for a camp grant, the Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society awards scholarships each year to two campers. Scholarship consideration is handled directly through the camper's registration with Fanari Camp.

**Project Mexico:** Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Macaronatha. We hope that all of you left with the feeling of fellowship as we travel the road to Pascha as a church family together. Please know that donations will continue to be taken online or by check with PROJECT MEXICO in the memo line. We are halfway to our goal of \$12,000 and are immensely grateful to all who have donated. An in person informational session hosted by Norm Pomrening directly after church in the GOYA room on **March 8**. No RSVP is required to attend this meeting.



# Triumph Of Orthodoxy

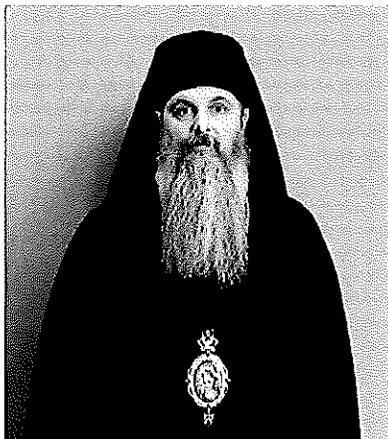
## PAN ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago



**Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**

**Holy Resurrection**  
**Serbian Orthodox Cathedral**  
**5701 N Redwood Drive, Chicago, IL**

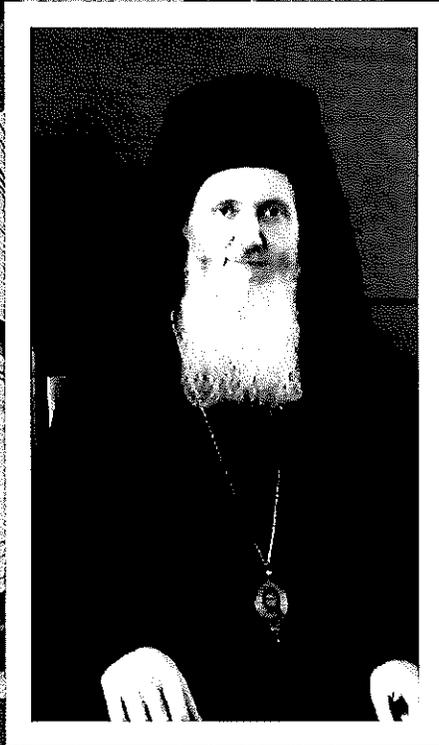


**Homilist:**  
**His Grace Bishop Serafim**  
**of Kostajnica**  
**Vicar of the Diocese of**  
**New Gračanica-Midwestern America**

Responses by  
**The Pan Orthodox Choir of Greater Chicago**  
Gordana Trbuhovich, Director

# CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH  
6:30 PM SOLEMN VESPERS  
8:00 PM PRESENTATION

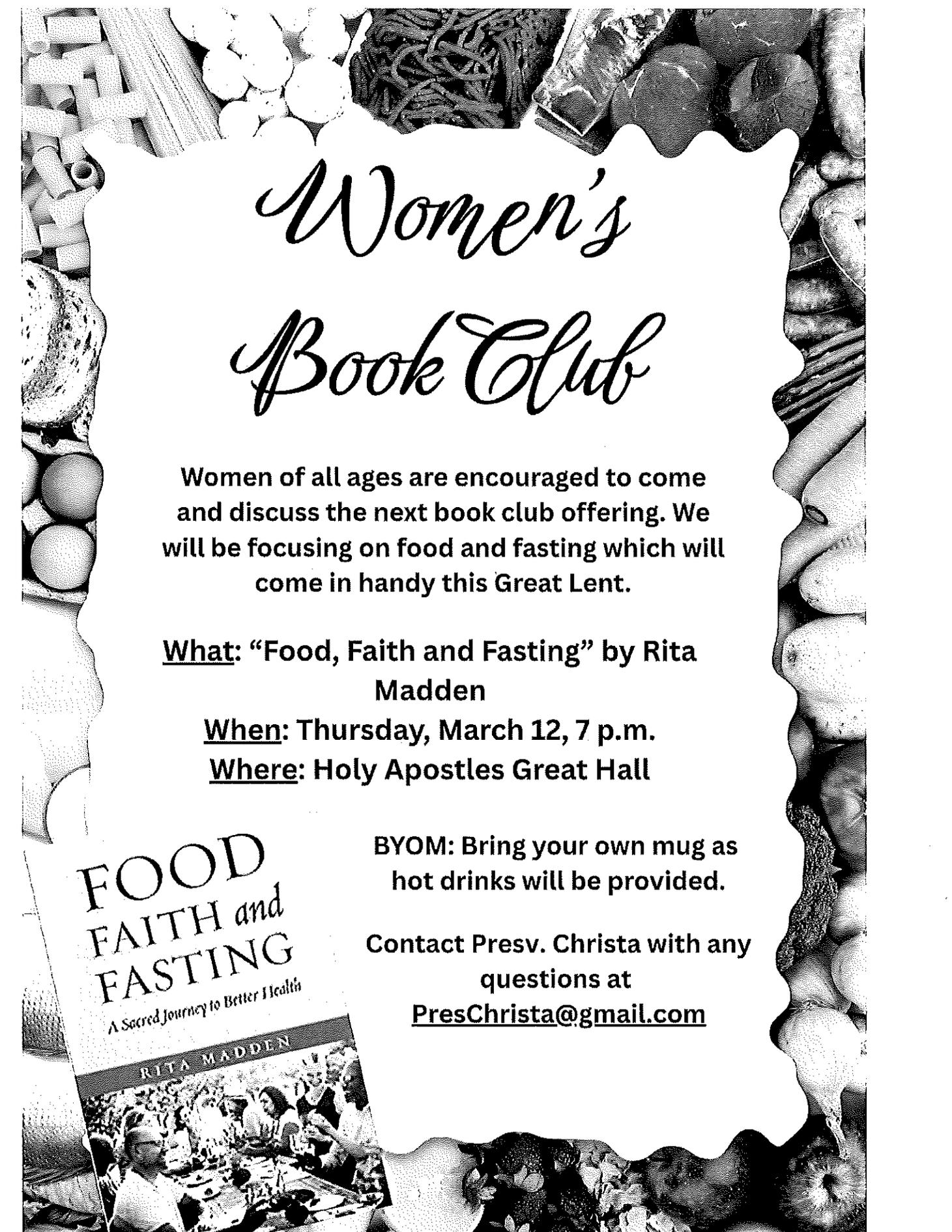
“SELF-  
EMPTYING  
(KENOSIS)  
AND  
ORTHODOX  
WITNESS”

PRESENTED BY  
HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN  
AMBROSIOS OF  
KOREA AND  
EXARCH OF  
JAPAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH  
7:00 PM

“ORTHODOX  
WITNESS IN KOREA”

CO-PRESENTED BY HIS  
EMINENCE MET.  
AMBROSIOS AND DN.  
PERRY HAMALIS, PH.D.



# Women's Book Club

Women of all ages are encouraged to come and discuss the next book club offering. We will be focusing on food and fasting which will come in handy this Great Lent.

**What:** “Food, Faith and Fasting” by Rita Madden

**When:** Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Holy Apostles Great Hall

**BYOM:** Bring your own mug as hot drinks will be provided.

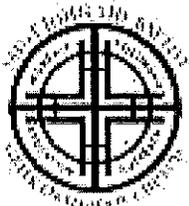
Contact Presv. Christa with any questions at

**[PresChrista@gmail.com](mailto:PresChrista@gmail.com)**

**FOOD  
FAITH and  
FASTING**  
*A Sacred Journey to Better Health*

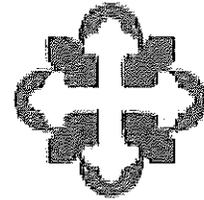
RYTA MADDEN





# SPRING RETREAT

## THE CROSS OF MARRIAGE, THE CROSS OF PARENTING & THE RESURRECTION



**March 14, 2026 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center  
920 224th Ave, Kansasville, WI 53139



FR. SOTIRIOS MALAMIS



FR. GEORGE DOKOS

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



10:00 am - Opening

10:30 am - Speaker: Fr. Sotirios Malamis:  
Marriage: A Shared Cross,  
A Shared Grace

11:30 am - Speaker: Fr. George Dokos:  
Generational Holiness

12:30pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - Couples Panel Discussion

3:00 pm - Close and Vespers



Join us for a family retreat with special guest speakers.  
We will have breakout groups for the following ages:  
Adults, GOYA (high school), Jr. GOYA (Middle School),  
FAITH/JOY (elementary school), and childcare for Toddlers!

Bus available



For seniors!

**Cost: \$25 per person  
(capped at \$75)**

Lunch provided



**Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee**



JOINT  
SERVICE  
PROJECT

Monday  
March  
**16**

Project  
Immediately  
Following  
6:00PM  
Great  
Compline

Missions, Philoptochos & Parish Family  
Ministry are hosting a service event to  
make toiletry kits for Chicagoland  
Prison Outreach

QUESTIONS?

[parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com)

# Memorial Luminaria

**If you would like to honor a loved one with a luminary on Holy Friday, please submit your names by Sunday, March 29 using the QR code below, the link in the weekly email, our website, or the sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room after Divine Liturgy on Sundays beginning March 1st.**

**This year, all proceeds will be donated to the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center in memory of Elaine Katzioris.**



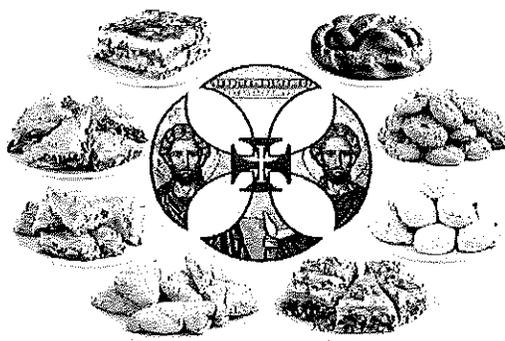
# Good Friday

## Retreat

All children in Pre-k (age3) through 5th grade are welcome to join us for our Annual Holy Friday Retreat on April 10th. We will begin after Royal Hours, at 10:45 AM and will end at 2:15 PM. All ages of volunteers are welcome! Anyone in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to sign up to help with flowers, candles, eggs, and more! Any questions or if you need a note excusing you from school, please email Alexa at [youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com)

**Please RSVP via QR Code:**





## Holy Apostles Philoptochos Drive-by Easter Food Sale!

KOULOURLAKIA ~ KOURAMBIEDES ~ BAKLAVA  
PASTITSIO ~ SPANAKOPITES ~ TIROPITES  
TSOUREKIA ~ MELOMAKARONA

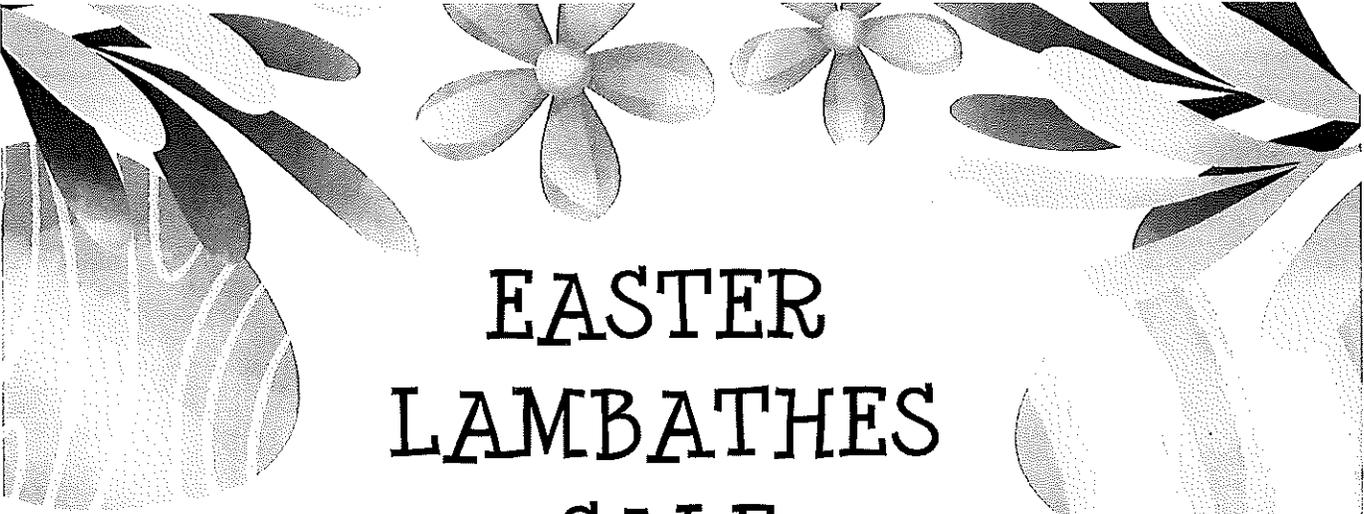
Order online [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)  
or at Coffee Hour on March 1, 8, 15



Pickup is Saturday, April 4 between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM  
at Holy Apostles Church (you don't even have to get out of the car!)

ITEM	SERVING	PRICE	ORDER BY
SPANAKOPITES	24 PIECES/TRAY	\$25	March 18
TIROPITES	24 PIECES/TRAY	\$25	March 18
PASTITSIO (from Greek Islands)	10X12 INCH PAN	\$40	March 18
TSOUREKI	1.5 LBS	\$15	March 25
KOULOURLAKIA (homemade)	1 DOZEN	\$10	March 25
KOURAMBIEDES (homemade)	1 DOZEN	\$10	March 25
BAKLAVA (homemade)	1/2 DOZEN	\$15	March 25
MELOMAKARONA	1 DOZEN	\$15	March 25

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Anagnos at [kanagnos1@gmail.com](mailto:kanagnos1@gmail.com) or (312) 305-1116



# EASTER LAMBATHES SALE

Purchase your decorated Easter  
Lambathes after Sunday liturgies  
3/15 thru 4/5 and following  
Holy Unction services on Holy  
Wednesday, April 8th

Candles are \$15 each and make  
beautiful gifts for children/  
godchildren

Cash - check - online

[www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)



If you have any questions or would like to  
decorate or sell candles, please contact  
Angela Karras Neboyskey  
at [arkarras@gmail.com](mailto:arkarras@gmail.com)  
or (773) 719-2619





# TRAVEL WITH US

CHANGE A LIFE

# PROJECT MEXICO

## JULY 16 - 22, 2026

**Building Homes. Transforming Lives. Serving Christ.**

Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage is an Orthodox Christian nonprofit dedicated to transforming lives through service, shelter, and faith. Since 1988 they have built 450+ homes for impoverished families in Mexico and provided loving care, education, and spiritual guidance to orphaned and vulnerable children.

Homebuilding is more than just construction, it's a life-changing experience. A team of Holy Apostles parishioners will travel to Northern Mexico, to build a safe and secure home for an impoverished family. The home is built entirely with volunteer labor. No prior construction experience necessary. You will be housed in tents on a campground on the property shared with the St Innocent Orphanage.

The trip is open to:

- Parishioners of Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
- Individual participants should be 18 years of age or older
- Participants between 12-17 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) college chapter
- Mission-minded families and individuals

Thania Panopoulos (tdpanopoulos@gmail.com) and Norm Pomrening (pomrening@comcast.com) will co-lead the team on this transformational journey. We encourage young adults to participate. Check out [projectmexico.org](http://projectmexico.org).

The cost to participate in a Project Mexico Home Building Project is \$900 per person. This cost includes building materials, three meals per day, tools, supplies, staffing and other costs necessary to sustain the program. Additionally, participants are responsible for their roundtrip flight from Chicago to San Diego.

Holy Apostles will be supporting this trip through free will contributions from parishioners. Money raised for this trip will be applied to the associated costs. Net proceeds from the Macaronatha Luncheon, February 22nd, will help defray some expenses for the Project Mexico team.

If you are interested in being a Project Mexico participant, or have questions, please click on the jot form link. We invite you to donate to this very important mission work where the Holy Apostles community, collectively, can make such profound impact.

**I'M INTERESTED**



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**I'D LIKE TO DONATE  
TO PROJECT MEXICO**



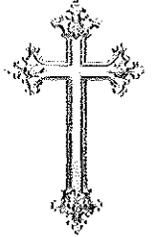
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All Orthodox Brothers and Sisters in Christ are urged to attend

# The Illinois Pro-Life March



Thursday, March 19th  
Illinois State Capitol, Springfield IL



St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church will be open from 8:00am for refreshments, fellowship, refuge and revitalization.

Chicago-area, multi-parish bus transportation potentially available.

St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church  
1600 S. Glenwood Avenue, Springfield IL 62704

## SCHEDULE:

11:00am	Orthodox Hours Service, St. Anthony's Church
12:00pm	Lenten Lunch, St. Anthony's Church
1:00pm	The Pro-Life Rally, Illinois State Capitol Building
2:00pm	The March For Life, Illinois State Capitol Building
3:00pm	Lobbying our elected representatives

Bus transportation can be provided through the Hellenic Foundation's Golden Circle Program, but we must be adequately organized to take advantage of this generous opportunity. Please email Fr. Nick Greanias at Annunciation Church in Kankakee with your parish interest in bus transportation and number of people traveling by March 2. Otherwise, everyone can travel on their own and meet at St. Anthony's or the State Capitol.

For inquiries or further information, or to indicate your parish interest in bus transportation, please contact Fr. Nicholas Greanias at:

[nickgreanias@yahoo.com](mailto:nickgreanias@yahoo.com)

708-606-1015

In any event, please register your parish participants, or if traveling independently, your own bus, on the Illinois Pro-Life March 2026 website. Thank you!

# O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.  
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the  
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.  
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.  
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.  
Save Us.

## Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

Ho -o- ly A -po- stles In -ter- cede- With the Mer -

Voice 

A - po - sto - li a - yi - i pre - sve - sa - te to e - le - i - mo -

ci -ful God. That for - all - our - faults He may grant For-give-ness To our souls



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## Sermon Notes

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